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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : சாதாரணமாக அப்படியும் இருக்கலாம், இப்படியும் இருக்கலாம். ஆனால் இந்தத் தொழிற்சாலை சம்பந்தப்பட்ட மட்டில் தொழிலாளர்களும் சரியாக நடந்துகொள்ளவில்லை என்று தெரிகிறது.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : First of all, I would request the Hon. Minister not to come to conclusions before going into facts. Anyway, since the conciliation proceedings have been pending for such a long time and in view of the fact that the factory has been closed for the last two months and more, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether he is prepared to take the conciliation proceedings out of the hands of the Commissioner of Labour or see that the conciliation proceedings are expedited so that the matter can be thrashed out at a higher level?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The legal aspect has been examined and the Government consider that the lock-out was not illegal. The Government do hope that the Commissioner of Labour will be able to effect a settlement. He is expediting settlement. If it is not possible, the Government will take it up.

Government Hospital at Kasaragod

* 2880 *Q.*—SRI M. MARIMUTHU (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the sanctioned bed-strength of the Kasaragod Government Hospital;

(*b*) the total number of in-patients in June 1955; and

(*c*) the amenities regarding bed, diet, etc., provided for in-patients in excess of the sanctioned bed-strength?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) 34, Sir.

(*b*) 1945, Sir.

(*c*) All in-patients in the hospital are treated alike in the matter of medical treatment, diet, etc., except that patients admitted in excess of the sanctioned bed-strength are not given cots but only mat-beds on the floor.

Offences under the Prohibition Act

* 2883 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government servants who were convicted under Prohibition Act in the State during the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the departmental action taken against them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Twenty-seven.

(*b*) A statement[a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 657 infra.